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From: Rep.LaFave
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2001 2:05 PM
To: LaFave, John
Subject: La Fave & Kaufert/Deadline 2-19-01/ LRB 0709/ NO BODY ARMOR FOR V IOLENT FELONS



BODY ARMOR ---
LRB analysis & ...



Article: Nation's Law
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Date: February 8, 2001

TO: All legislators
FR: Representatives John La Fave & Dean Kaufert

RE: Co-sponsoring LRB-0709/1 --- Relating to prohibiting a felon from purchasing, owning or possessing body armor.

LRB-0709/1 is nearly identical to 1999 AB-699. It was introduced late in the session last year, passed the Assembly Criminal Justice Committee unanimously and passed the Assembly on a voice vote. LRB-0709/1 contains a few technical changes suggested by the LRB bill drafter.

In November of 1994 a dangerous criminal was able to fend off 120-armed police officers for 22 minutes. The gunman, protected by full body armor, killed a San Francisco police officer. Three years later, a bank robbery in North Hollywood had a one-hour confrontation between two criminals shielded by full body armor and 350 police officers. The encounter resulted in two deaths and injuries to more than ten other persons. Graphic videotape of the incident showed police officers' bullets literally bouncing off of the armored gunmen, delaying apprehension of the dangerous criminals.

Another incident in Los Angeles involved two gang members stopped by police for a traffic violation who were found to be wearing bulletproof body armor. Both suspects had been convicted of past violent felonies and gun violations.

Whenever these frightening and often lethal confrontations occur, the lives of innocent citizens and police officers are unnecessarily placed in jeopardy. This legislation will assist law enforcement personnel to prevent and mitigate situations similar to the North Hollywood incident.

The Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association and the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Coalition support this bill.

Current Wisconsin law does not prohibit felons from owning or possessing body armor. This legislation:

* Makes it a felony for a convicted violent felon to purchase, own, or

possess body armor, as defined, punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years or both.

* Allows a felony offender to request of the court an exemption from the prohibition against possessing body armor under certain conditions.

To co-sponsor the body armor bill, phone my office at 266-0486 (or e-mail

your reply) by Monday, February 19, 2001.

The LRB analysis, the bill and an additional article are attached.

<<BODY ARMOR --- LRB analysis & bill.pdf>>

<<Article: Nation's Law Enforcement>>

Rossmiller, Dan

From: Cooley, William
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2001 12:19 PM
To: 'GGeorge220@aol.com'
Subject: FW: Request for public hearing on AB-157



La Fave & Kaufert/
Deadline 2-1...

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-----Original Message-----

From: LaFave, John
To: Sen.George
Cc: Rossmiller, Dan; A - Judy Kelly; A - Mary Beth
Sent: 11/1/2001 9:59 AM
Subject: Request for public hearing on AB-157

Dear Senator George,

AB-157 has been referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform. AB-157 would prohibit the possession of body armor by certain violent felons. The bill includes a procedure for the court to grant an exemption from the prohibition under certain conditions.

An attachment containing the original co-sponsor memo for this legislation is included with this message.

I request that AB-157 be scheduled for a public hearing before the Senate Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform Committee. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rep. John La Fave

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History of Assembly Bill 157

ASSEMBLY BILL 157 <<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2001/data/AB-157.pdf>>
An Act to amend 938.396 (2) (d); and to create 938.3415, 941.291, 971.17 (1h) and 973.0335 of the statutes; relating to: possession of body armor by persons convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for certain felony offenses and providing a penalty. (FE)
2001

03-01. A. Introduced by Representatives La Fave, Kaufert, Suder, Bies, Vrakas, Huebsch, Stone, Gronemus, Ziegelbauer, Olsen, Riley, M. Lehman, Ryba, Ladwig, Musser, J.

Lehman,

Albers, Seratti, Gunderson, Lassa, Plouff, Townsend, Petrowski, Wade and Pettis; cosponsored by Senators Burke, Schultz, Roessler and Darling.

03-01. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Criminal Justice

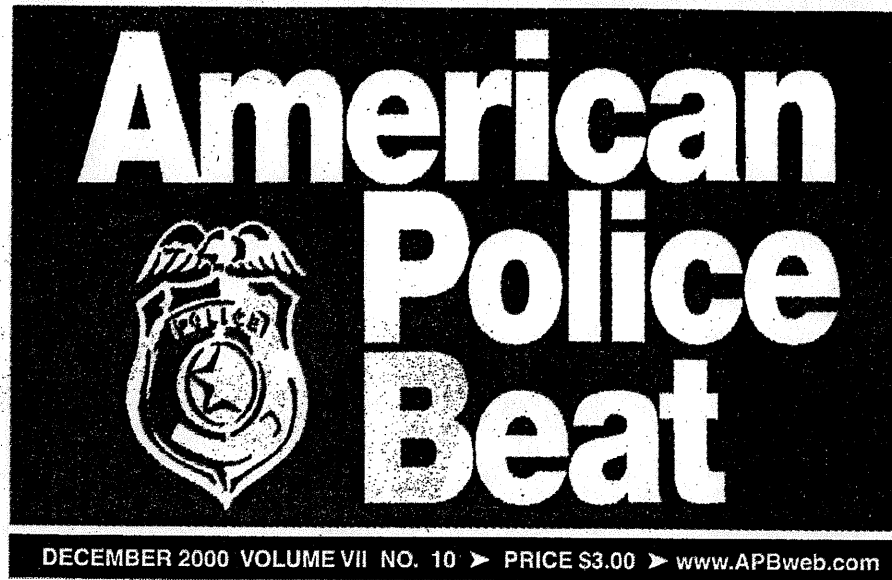
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03-07. A. Fiscal estimate received

<<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2001/data/fe/AB-157fe.pdf>>.
 03-13. A. Fiscal estimate received
 <<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2001/data/fe/AB-157fe.pdf>>.
 03-23. A. Fiscal estimate received
 <<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2001/data/fe/AB-157fe.pdf>>.
 06-06. A. Public hearing held.
 06-18. A. Fiscal estimate received
 <<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2001/data/fe/AB-157fe.pdf>>.
 09-19. A. Executive action taken.
 09-19. A. Assembly amendment
 <<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2001/data/AB157-AA1.pdf>> offered by
 committee on

Criminal Justice

..... 395
 09-24. A. Report Assembly amendment
 <<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2001/data/AB157-AA1.pdf>> adoption
 recommended by
 committee on Criminal Justice, Ayes 11, Noes 0
 400
 09-24. A. Report passage as amended recommended by committee
 on Criminal Justice, Ayes 10, Noes 1
 396
 09-24. A. Referred to committee on Rules
 396
 10-23. A. Placed on calendar 10-25-2001 by committee on Rules.
 10-25. A. Read a second time
 473
 10-25. A. Assembly amendment
 <<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2001/data/AB157-AA1.pdf>> adopted
 473
 10-25. A. Ordered to a third reading
 473
 10-25. A. Rules suspended
 473
 10-25. A. Read a third time and passed
 473
 10-25. A. Ordered immediately messaged
 473
 10-26. S. Received from Assembly
 429
 10-26. S. Read first time and referred to committee on
 Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance
 Reform
 429



No body armor for felons

by Kurt Skarjune

With the signature of the Governor John Engler on June 26th 2000, the state of Michigan became the fourth major state to outlaw violent felons from owning, possessing, or purchasing body armor. Now, Michigan joins California, Connecticut and Arkansas as states recognizing the need to be pro-active in facing the growing, dangerous trend of criminals suiting up in body armor.

According to Lee Guelff, coordinator of a nationwide campaign to pass possession laws both on a state to state level as well as federally, ten states have bill

drafts or bills in the works dealing with this ever growing problem. They include Alabama, Arizona, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Texas, and Wisconsin.

On the national front, California Senator Dianne Feinstein continues to put together bipartisan support for a federal bill (S 783) titled "The James Guelff Body Armor Act." The House version of this bill (HR 1424) was introduced by U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak of Michigan, himself a former Michigan State Trooper. The bill was already approved by the U.S. Senate as an amendment to

a juvenile justice bill, but the House has failed to approve the larger bill to which it was attached. Now, it is a stand-alone bill.

Law enforcement groups and individuals are urged to contact Lee Guelff or myself to obtain a legislative starter pack which will greatly aid in the passage of body armor bills on the state level. Information is also available as to how one might further along the federal legislation. Lee Guelff: Box 814, Atascadero, CA 93423, fax 805-466-4482 or Officer Kurt Skarjune at Oak Park Public Safety, 13600 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237; Call 248-691-7520.